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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:



Director, Office of External Affairs

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SUBJECT: Invitation to Attend The Committee
for the Free World Conference

1. Action: Accept or decline the invitation to attend The Committee for the Free World Conference.

2. Background: Midge Decter, Executive Director of the Committee of the Free World, has invited you to attend the 12-13 February Conference at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. As you are probably aware, approximately 400 intellectuals including writers and scientists from a dozen countries formed this committee in 1981 to promote Western democracy through books, news media and education. The Conference is called "Our Country and Our Culture" and will focus "on the enduring and damaging hostility of contemporary American culture to American society." Three areas of the culture will be discussed: the arts, the press, and the universities. See attached program for details.

Although they are most eager to have you attend, Ms. Decter feels that it would be an imposition to request a presentation from you. Attendance will be by invitation only, and limited in size. Discussion is to be kept as close as possible to a free-wheeling, informal conversation among panelists and the audience.

Members of the Board include: Jean Kirkpatrick (on leave), U.S. Ambassador, UN, George Will, Columnist, Tom Stoppard, playwright, U.K., and Saul Bellow, author.

3. Recommendation: None; indicate your intention and have Public Affairs send appropriate letter of acceptance or regret.



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ACCEPT:

Director of Central Intelligence

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DECLINE:

Director of Central Intelligence

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Bill: Whether you attend or not, I would like to see a transcript of the Feb 13 program. It is germane to our conversation & may present some opportunities.

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